

Saint Michael the Archangel Parish

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2013
Rev. Fr. Dale A. Branson



“For if this endeavor or this activity is of human origin, it will destroy itself. But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy it; you may even find yourselves fighting against God.”

Acts 5:38b-39b

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 4pm

Sunday - 8 am & 10:30 am

Weekend Mass is held at
Copper Basin K-8 School
28682 N. Main Street
San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday - 8:30am

Daily Mass is held at the
Parish Office/Rectory

Confessions before Mass or upon request

Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Monday	9:00am – 4pm
Tuesday	9:00am – 4pm
Wednesday	9:00am – 4pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00am – 4pm

Robbing a Bank

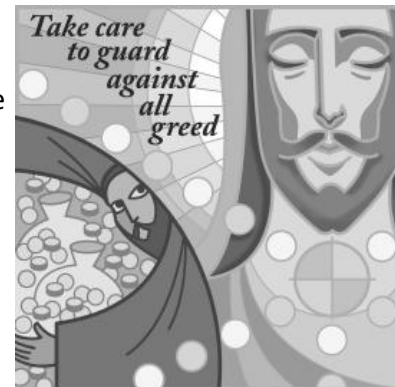
The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth either in the ways we attain it or use it—or both. How do we abuse the attainment of wealth? I can give an obvious answer, such as robbing a bank, but this makes it too easy to justify myself. Do I work a full day for my pay, or do I spend a lot of time visiting with other employees, surfing the Web, taking extra-long breaks, or texting my friends? Am I honest with my customers, charging only for work I have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can “have the things I couldn’t afford when I was young”? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we also think of the poor and homeless? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

Notice that Paul does not mention wealth. Instead he goes deeper, pointing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism, we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. When we have been renewed that way, then Christ becomes visible in all people. We no longer have reason to look down on anyone for being poor or sickly or of another race. We begin to see Christ in them, for as Paul says, “Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3:11).

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Welcome

**Are you new to
St. Michael the Archangel Church?**

We welcome you and we ask that you please take a few moments to register. Registration forms are located at the Greeters Table or can now be found online. Visit our website and click on the link, **Parish Registration Form**, found at the bottom of the home page and follow the instructions.

Sacramental Policies

ANointing OF THE SICK

At the 8:30am Mass on the first Friday of each month.

BAPTISM

Parents will need to provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and participate in a class. Baptismal Classes are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 11 am in the Church office. Parents must call the church office to register for the class. Godparents must be practicing Catholics who are confirmed and married in the Church, if married.

CONFESSiON

Confessions are offered one-half hour before all Masses, or anytime upon request.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be given students in 8th grade or above. They must have completed the 8th grade religious education class and optimally the 7th as well. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics who are already confirmed and married in the Church, if married. Parents should not be sponsors for their own children. For information on Confirmation preparation for adults please contact the pastor.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be offered to children in Grade 2. Children must attend CCD regularly throughout Grade 2 in order to receive the Sacrament in May of that year. Students will also be prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Grade 2.

MARRIAGE

Both parties are expected to participate in the preparation program. Parties must notify the pastor at least one year prior to their proposed marriage date. Please meet with the pastor for a

New address? New email?

Do you have a new address, phone number or email? If so, please take a moment to contact the parish office or stop by the Greeters Table and help us keep your contact information current.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2,
8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

PRAYER REQUESTS

For a Prayer Chain request you may contact Virginia Bombolino

Prayer
Chain

at (480)888-7914 or signup on our prayer request list located at the Greeters Table. All requests are private.

MASS INTENTIONS

August 3rd 4:00 pm Pro Populo
August 4th 10:30 am Lisa & Jim Green—20th
Wedding Anniversary
August 11th 8:00 am Pro Populo

Pro Populo - Latin: "for the people"

Deceased †

Contact the Parish Office to place a Mass Intention.

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Diana Albert, Sue Baitinger,
Virginia Bombolino, Lisa Green,
Bert Pampanin, Sandra Ramirez,
Craig Rudko, Jenny Rudko,
Darrell Stonerook, Mary Teese and
Polly Von Esse

Pastoral Council meetings are held on
the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

St. Michael the Archangel Financial Report

Expenses July 28th

Parish Debt Obligations

\$242,236.82	Debt on the House
\$524,087.46	Debt on the Land
\$500,000.00	Pre-Construction Loan
\$1,266,324.28	Total Current Debt

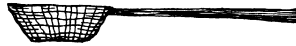
Contributions July 28th

Offertory	\$1,847.45
CCD Registration	\$50.00
Total	\$1,897.45

\$131.48	RCIA Books
\$101.97	Office Supplies
\$1,670.00	July School Rent
\$210.18	Rectory Maintenance
\$593.05	Groceries
\$112.77	Fuel
\$95.87	Computer Equipment
\$127.77	Pest Control Equipment
\$50.55	HOA
\$3,093.64	Total

10% of our collection contributions go toward the Church Building Fund.

Weekly Offering



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Online Giving...If you would like to give online please visit our website, www.StMichaels77.org, and click on Online Giving

Natural Family Planning, Sympto-Thermal Method

Would you like to learn more about Natural Family Planning? Beginning this year a 4 class course will meet once a month 6:30 to 9pm at St. George Catholic Church in Apache Junction. The first class is scheduled for August 8th, and will continue on September 12th, October 10th and November 14th. Please visit the Couple to Couple League website and register online at www.ccli.org. The cost is \$140 per couple and includes all materials.

If you have questions please contact Darrin or Pems Tebon via email at StGeorgeAJNFP@catholic.org or by phone at (480)671-9040.

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.

St. Eusebius of Vercelli



**KIDS, DO YOU LIKE TO SING OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?
COME JOIN OUR YOUTH CHOIR!**

"He who sings, prays twice" – praise God in the spirit of community, friendship, and fun! St. Michael the Archangel Parish Youth Choir is open to children who are in the 3rd through 8th grades. Rehearsals are held on Saturday mornings from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in Johnson Ranch, during the calendar school year, August to May. Our first rehearsal will be August 25th. The Youth Choir generally sings on the last Sunday of the month at the 10:30 mass during the regular school year, and for selected Holy Days.

For more information, please contact Diana Albert at dialbert2@aol.com or 480-457-9712.



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Hospitality's

"Summer Picnic" Pot Luck Dinner

**Saturday, August 10th
Following the 4 PM Mass**

Please join your Parish Family as we celebrate God's Beautiful Summer and the beginning of a new school year! RSVP at the Greeters table. **All are welcome!** The Hospitality Committee will provide beverages and utensils. Please bring a dish to share.

Religious Education Teachers Needed

The church is in need of CCD teachers for grades Kindergarten thru 3. If you are interested in teaching our children about our faith please consider volunteering for this important ministry. The



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materials you need will be provided and you will be supported along the way. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Life-Teen will hold its first meeting of the new school year on August 18th. The fee is \$10 and registration forms can be found at the Greeters Table or on the parish website. For more information contact Andy Ramirez at youthgroup@stmichaels77.org or call the church office.



INFORMATION SHEET

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